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## Response Under 37 CFR 1.111

## **Dear Commissioner:**

This paper responds to the First Office Action in this patent application mailed May 2, 2007. Please consider the application in light of the following remarks.

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4. It had been the intent that claims 1-4 would be used together, that is, recombined.

Please add and consider the following claims:

5. A method for unambiguously-establishing a digital network connection between trusted parties by utilizing: (a) sender's identity and network connection information is embedded within a graphical image, (b) said graphical image is sent to a recipient, (c) that recipient is required to perform a specific human action to drag and drop said image to a program that will extract the embedded network connection information, (d) that said program will verify that the extracted information is a trusted parties by using a data base of trusted parties, and (e) said program in response to the human drag and drop action establishes a network connection if the identified party is a trusted party.

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